

March 18, 2016

Ocotillo District Weekly Update

Ocotillo District Meeting is March 30!



Ocotillo District Meeting Scheduled!

The Mobile Office meeting for March has been replaced with a District Meeting on March 30 from 5pm-7pm! I am excited to meet with you and your neighbors at Challenger Middle School located on 6905 W. Maryland Ave in the gym.

All are welcome to come out for an opportunity to meet your neighbors and discuss the issues that most concern you on topics including the Police, Fire, Code Compliance, Public Works Departments, Parks & Recreation, and many others.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with you face-to-face, and discuss the issues that are most important to you and your families.



Lemonade will be Offered

While at the Ocotillo District Meeting, quench your Arizona thirst with a glass of ice cold lemonade produced and sold by local youth entrepreneur, Duncan Sanders. Duncan's father is Chef Tom of



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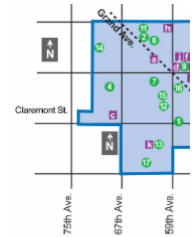
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Bakery by Chef Tom, located at 5835 W. Palmdale Ave.



Glendale Credit Rating Raised!



CITY OF GLENDALE RECEIVES A+ WITH BOND RATING UPGRADE *Significantly Improved Financial Situation Cited*

For the second time this year, the City of Glendale has received a bond rating upgrade from a financial rating agency. Standard & Poor's Ratings Services has raised its long-term and underlying ratings for the city's general obligation bonds to an A+ from BBB+. The upgrade follows a series of Standard & Poor's downgrades since 2012.

Standard & Poor's cites adequate budgetary performance with balanced operating results, very strong budgetary flexibility with an available fund balance in fiscal year 2015, very strong liquidity and strong management with good financial policies and practices as reasons for the three-notch improvement.

"Financial stability continues to be the top priority for the City of Glendale," says City Manager Kevin Phelps. Today's news is the result of prudent fiscal management by our team members which closely aligns with the goals of our mayor and city council."

Earlier this year, Moody's Investors Service upgraded several types of city bonds from A3 to A2 including all of its general obligation bonds.

"We are extremely proud of this upgrade which solidifies the direction we are on," says Assistant City Manager Tom Duensing. "It is a reflection of the difficult but necessary steps the city has taken to address its fiscal condition."

The upgrade serves as an independent, objective evaluation of the city's efforts to stabilize financially. It also potentially allows the city to borrow money at a more competitive rate than it would be able to otherwise. Cities typically use money raised from bonds for large developments or infrastructure projects. For more information about the city of Glendale please visit: www.glendaleaz.com

Your Input is Essential!

We Need Your Input!
Conceptual Analysis of Possible



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Branch Library

In October 2015, the Glendale City Council provided direction to explore the possibility of constructing and opening a modified version of a planned Western Area Branch Library to serve the residents of Glendale.



The Library Advisory Board is hosting a series of public meetings to gather community input and feedback regarding preliminary design concepts for the two proposed sites. You can review and comment on the proposed floor plans, ask questions of the architect and learn about the planned scope of library services.

For more information, please go to <http://www.glendaleaz.com/Library/WesternAreaBranchStudy.cfm>

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[Drop Off Drawer Locations](#) Click the locations of with anonymous drawers.

For more information please go to azsbh2.org/info

Coming Up

Glendale Folk And Heritage Festival Celebrates Arizona Lore And Culture

Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services is sponsoring the 2016 Glendale Folk and Heritage Festival, a celebration of folk music, its history and culture, on Saturday and Sunday, March 19 and 20, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The festival takes place at the Sahuaro Ranch Historic Area located at 9802 N. 59th Avenue and at Glendale Main Public Library at 59th Avenue and Brown Street. The free event features folk and bluegrass music performed by more than



250 musicians, live cowboy poetry and authentic storytelling. Attracting local residents and regional visitors alike, the event is held every spring to foster an understanding and appreciation of traditional Arizona music and culture through experiential learning, performances and workshops.

The line-up of Western musicians, singers, banjo players, fiddlers and storytellers brings together some of the region's most talented authentic musicians and performers, including the Arizona Culture Keepers, Hana

Olson, Marshall Trimble, Anni Beach, official Arizona State Balladeer Dolan Ellis, along with Grammy winners, Rick and Donna Nestler, Rik Palieri and Ronnie Hazelett.

Food and refreshments will be available for purchase. Some seating is available, however, attendees are advised to bring their own lawn chairs or picnic blankets. For more information about times and listings of entertainment and activities, please visit www.glendaleaz.com/SRPH, or call 623-930-4201.



GLENDAL YOUTH LEAGUE BASEBALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

The Glendale Youth Sports League (GYSL) is winding up for the exciting Summer 2016 Baseball, Softball and T-Ball season. Registration takes place March 14 - April 8, practice starts mid-May and games begin June 6.

Batter up! The following brackets are being offered:

T-Ball: Co-ed Ages 4-6

Baseball: Pee-wee Ages 6-8 (coach pitch) Rookies Ages 8-10 (machine pitch)

Softball: Ponytail Ages 6-8 (coach pitch)

Cholla Ages 8-10 (machine pitch)

Registration fee is \$55 for Glendale residents (or \$75 for non- residents) and includes a team t-shirt and baseball cap. An additional fee of \$10 will be charged during late registration April 11-15, 2016. Sign up online at www.glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation or call 623-930-2820. Players can also register in person on Saturday, March 26, 1-4 p.m. at Peter Piper Pizza, 4315 W. Glendale Ave. in Glendale.

Glendale Youth Sports League emphasizes physical fitness, equal participation and social and skill development. "These leagues are designed to teach kids the skills they need to play, while developing friendships and having fun," said Mike Davis, GYSL program coordinator. "Our philosophy is: the outcome of the child is more important than the outcome of the game."



The program is sponsored in part through a \$7500 grant from Land O'Frost Youth Sports Program.

BE A VOLUNTEER COACH!

Persons age 18 and older can submit a Coach Application to Glendale Parks and Recreation Office, 5970 W. Brown St., by Friday, April 15. For more information about GYSL, volunteering as a coach or to learn about program sponsorship opportunities, contact Mike Davis, Glendale Parks and Recreation, at 623-930-2841 or via email at mdavis@glendaleaz.com.



Make Your Taxes Less Taxing Tax Help from AARP Tax-Aide

8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday - Thursday, except holidays (Fridays by appointment only), through Apr. 18, at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St.

AARP Tax-Aide volunteers will provide free basic assistance with filing federal and state taxes online. This service is open to anyone but is aimed at moderate-income and low-income people ages 60 and older. All volunteer preparers are IRS-trained and certified. Please note that volunteers cannot assist with business or complicated individual returns. Service is limited to the first 50 people per day. For more information, call 1-888-227-7669 or visit www.aarp.org/taxaide.

Visit Glendale Holds Photo Challenge Conjunction With Arizona PBS Station. Contest Highlights 'Living the Sweet Life in Glendale, AZ'

The Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau, newly rebranded as Visit Glendale, has recently launched a photo challenge in conjunction with KAET, Arizona's PBS station. The photo challenge is themed 'Living the Sweet Life in Glendale, AZ'.

The contest, called 'Capture My Arizona,' is an ongoing campaign designed to showcase Arizona through the eyes of Arizona photographers. Through the contest, individual challenges focus on particular areas, events, or other items of interest. "This time of year is all about the sweet life - whether it's the Glendale Chocolate Affaire, an upcoming spring training game, or even just a



sweet walk with your dog in the park," said Lorraine Zomok, President & CEO Visit Glendale. "We are looking for what the sweet life means to both residents and visitors."

The 'Living the Sweet Life in Glendale, AZ' challenge, which runs **Feb. 1 through March 31**, will offer two prizes, both Cerreta Candy Company chocolate baskets, one for editor's choice and one for people's choice.

To enter, visit <http://www.capturemyarizona.com/challenges/living-the-sweet-life-in-glendale-az>. The contest ends on March 31. Find additional information on Glendale online at www.visitglendale.com or call the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500.



Create a Sense of Place Through a Desert-Friendly Yard
Free landscape classes, desert plants, and activities at the Glendale Garden Gathering

The Sonoran Desert comes alive in the spring with blooming flowers and active wildlife. Discover how easy it is to reinvigorate your yard, while saving water, by attending the Glendale Garden Gathering. This special environmental event will take place on Saturday, March 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Glendale Main Library and adjacent Xeriscape Demonstration Garden (5959 W. Brown St.). Learn how you can create a vibrant, desert-friendly landscape that will welcome birds, pollinators, and other beneficial animals.

This free, family-friendly activity will include information booths, gardening crafts for kids, and landscape classes for adults. Come early for a free guided bird walk at 8 a.m. in the Xeriscape Garden, led by Arizona Audubon. Exhibitors from the Arizona Game and Fish Department, Arizona Audubon, Southwest Monarch Study, among others will be on-hand to answer questions, share tips, and provide resources.

Two free classes on desert landscaping will be offered in the Main Library's auditorium:



* 9:30 to 11 a.m. - Invite Wildlife into Your Yard. Hear from a Valley expert about how to create a sanctuary for wildlife by providing a hospitable habitat compatible with our desert climate.

* 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. - Stunning Yards are Going Native! Learn about the beauty and diversity of the Sonoran Desert and how you can create an attractive, vibrant, and water-smart landscape with native plants. Class attendees will receive a free, Arizona-friendly plant after attending a class. Plants are available on a first-come, first-served basis. To register for one or both classes, call 623-930-3760 or email GreenLiving@glendaleaz.com.

The Glendale Garden Gathering is coordinated by the City of Glendale Water Services Department - Conservation and Sustainable Living Division and funded by the Arizona Game and Fish Department Heritage Fund. For more information call 623-930-3535 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/waterconservation.



Save The Date!

Sunday, April 10, 2016 - 8:00 am
Glendale Family Bike Ride at
Sahuaro Ranch Park
59th Avenue and Mountain View
Questions? Call 623-930-2940

www.glendaleaz.com/glendalefamilybikeride



Glendale Empowerment Expo

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Saturday April 23 from
Glendale Civic Center

The Glendale Empowerment Expo, hosted by Glendale's Commission on Persons with Disabilities, will connect local community members with nonprofits, community-based organizations and government agencies serving individuals with physical disabilities.

The event will feature a resource and information fair, a town hall meeting to encourage public discussion, and awards recognizing the contributions of an individual and service provider who have improved the disability community in Glendale. Staff contact: Stephanie Miller at 930-3433.

ALL ABOARD FOR A GLENDALE HISTORICAL JOURNEY: 13TH ANNUAL HISTORIC

*Space is Limited for this Popular Tour Sponsored
by Glendale Civic Pride*

Take a step back through time during Glendale's 13th annual Historic Preservation Tour. The event provides a guided, armchair tour of significant historic sites within Glendale, as well as walking tours of a few selected homes or other sites that are historically significant.



"The historic preservation tour remains a great way to see some of Glendale's most treasured landmarks and Historic Districts that trace the footsteps of the past," said Glendale Historic Preservation Officer Jon Froke. "Glendale enjoys 10 Historic Districts and the tour will pass through many of them."

DATE & TIME OF TOUR

Date: Saturday, April 30, 2016

Check in and Boarding Time: 8:30 - 9 a.m.

Departure Time: 9 a.m.

Return Time: Noon

Point of Departure & Return: Glendale Civic Center

5750 W. Glenn Dr.

A detailed itinerary, along with maps and other informational items will be provided on the tour. Participation is limited to the 95 seats available on two motor coaches, and reservations will be made on a first-come-first-served basis. Children ages 15 and above are welcome, if accompanied by an adult. The tour is offered for free, thanks to a sponsorship from the Glendale Civic Pride Ambassadors.

To make a reservation or request additional information, contact City Planner Martin Martell at mmartell@glendaleaz.com.



EXTRA! EXTRA! GET YOUR 2016 OFFICIAL



VISITORS GUIDE HOT OFF THE PRESSES

Locals and travelers alike will want a copy of this one-of-a-kind magazine

What is new and exciting in Glendale and the West Valley? Where are the hottest spots for outdoor recreation? What are the restaurants that only the locals know about? All these questions and more are answered in Glendale's 2016 Official Visitor Guide - Visit Glendale, Arizona and the West Valley, available now at many locations throughout the region, and of course, at the Glendale Visitor Center, 5800 W. Glenn Dr. Suite 140.

This beautiful, 36-page magazine is now in its tenth year of publication, and not only celebrates that milestone, but also the unveiling of the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau's (CVB) rebranding to Visit Glendale. Revealed at the CVB's annual meeting in the fall, the new branding and logo are present throughout the publication, along with the magazine's fresh look and design.

The insider tips on events, shopping, dining, accommodations and more will also include:

A welcome message from Visit Glendale staff, including personal recommendations on their favorite local spots

- A journey through Glendale's history
- Artistic diversions - for arts and culture lovers
- The local's guide to Glendale
- 2016 events calendar
- Resources for businesses and meeting planners

This guide is distributed to leisure travelers, sports fans, tour guide operators and travel planners, and is among the top five guides picked up by visitors at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport.

To download a digital version of the guide, simply visit www.VisitGlendale.com. You can also download the Visit Glendale app, free for iPhone and Android devices, to get directions, and find restaurants, shopping and other things to do while you're in the area. For more information, contact the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500 or online.

GLENDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY OFFERS PROFESSIONAL GUIDANCE TO ASPIRING WRITERS

Published author helps with writing skills

Amy K. Nichols, author of "Now That You're Here and While You Were Gone", is taking up residence at Glendale's Main Library through May to share her expertise and help novice



writers hone their skills and become published authors.



As part of Glendale Public Library's Writers in Residence Program, Nichols will be conducting several workshops and offering one-on-one guidance sessions with aspiring writers. "Many people dream of being published, but don't know where to start or think somehow such a goal isn't possible for them. This program brings published and aspiring authors together with the goal of helping people write the stories only they can tell," said Nichols.

Upcoming workshops include two teen writing programs, "Build a Fantasy Story" on March 21 and "Flash Fiction" on May 16 and a series of three adult writing workshops entitled "The Road to Publication" slated for March through May.

"The Writer in Residence Program is a great chance for authors to meet and work with their fans and for our library users to better visualize themselves as writers. It not only inspires writers to write, it provides practical tools and information to help them get their stories out into the world," said Kearsten LaBrozzi, Glendale Teen Librarian.

Nichols' open office hours and one-on-one meetings with aspiring writers will be held 2-4 p.m. most Monday afternoons and Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. The Writers in Residence Program is supported by Arizona State Library, a division of the Secretary of State, with federal funds from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. For more information about Writers in Residence or other Glendale Public Library programs, call 623-930-3530 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/library.





**Free Classes At Velma Teague Library - Citizenship
CLASSES (Citywide)**

**January - March
Monday Evenings
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

This is a 10-week class teaching the fundamentals of U.S. politics, government and history included in the U.S. Citizenship exams. Sponsored by the International Rescue Committee. Classes are free. Registration required. Staff Contact: Mike Beck at 623-930-3546.

ADDITIONAL CITY INFORMATION!

Want to Report a Code Violation?

Please use this link to report a code violation. The Code Compliance Department will then follow-up. Please be sure to provide all information that is requested.

<http://www.glendaleaz.com/codecompliance/multiple-complaint-form.cfm>

**To find out information about street construction / traffic restrictions,
or the pavement management program please click on the link below**

<http://www.glendaleaz.com/improvements/>

Bulk Trash Collection

Please click on the link below to view the bulk trash pick-up schedule. As a reminder, residents are asked to place bulk trash out no earlier than 6 a.m. on the Thursday before your scheduled service week and no later than 6 a.m. on the Monday of your scheduled service week. It is a violation of city ordinance to put bulk trash out before or after the assigned period. Failure to comply may result in enforcement action, including charges to the resident.

<http://www.glendaleaz.com/sanitation/documents/2015BulkTrashEnglish.pdf>

**To find out who your Community Action Team with the Glendale Police
Department is click here:**

https://www.glendaleaz.com/police/documents/CATTEAM_MAP_032315.pdf



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